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Docket No. K06-165935M/TBS NGB.353

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of

Katsunori TAKADA, et al.

Serial No.: 10/762,559

Group Art Unit: 1742

Filed: January 23, 2004

Examiner: Yee, Deborah

For:

STEEL FOR USE IN HIGH STRENGTH PINION SHAFT AND

MANUFACTURING METHOD THEREOF

Honorable Commissioner of Patents Alexandria, VA 22313-1450 Box AF

AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.116

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated December 8, 2005, please amend the aboveidentified application as follows:

INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims, which begins on page 2 of this paper. No new matter has been added.

Remarks begin on page 8 of this paper.